(c) the number of houses/shelter and other basic services and civic amenities provided in the above cities?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Kolkata and Asansol are Mission Cities in the State of West Bengal under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

(b) and (c) Total 91 projects with total project cost Rs.3293.04 crores and Central Share Rs. 1607.42 crores have been approved for construction/upgradation of 140052 dwelling units and related infrastructure under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor.

Employment Guarantee Scheme in Urban Areas

632. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that poverty and unemployment are on the rise in the urban areas also;

(b) whether Government is thinking to implement the National Employment Guarantee Scheme in the urban areas also as a poverty alleviation measure;

(c) if so, by when it would be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has no proposal under consideration to launch an employment guarantee scheme for the urban poor.

(d) Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has been implementing an employment oriented Centrally sponsored scheme for urban poverty alleviation named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis with effect from 01.12.1997.

The scheme has been comprehensively revamped in February, 2009 to address various issues arising from implementation. The revamped SJSRY has five components:-

(i) Urban Self-Employment Programme (USEP)

(ii) Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP)

(iii) Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP)

(iv) Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)

(v) Urban Community Development Network (UCDN)

The revamped SJSRY has provided focus on skill development of urban poor to access the emerging employment opportunities, self-employment and also wage employment.